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Dear Josh:

You will have received earlier this week a letter from Dr. James Day, President of the Society of Scripps Fellows, inviting you to give the Sherrill Lecture at our Institution sometime in the Spring. In reinforcing this invitation, I do hope that you will be able to accept because of the great value that such a lecture has for a group of young Ph.D. and M.D. postdoctoral Fellows and also because it will enable us to show you this Institution which, like other biologically-oriented groups in La Jolla, is expanding at a fast pace.

As you may know, Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation is a medically-oriented research institute which earlier consisted of a group of clinical departments with a strong interest in metabolic diseases. During the last few years, however, the arrival of Baird Hastings from Harvard, Frank Dixon and his entire Department of Experimental Pathology from Pittsburgh, and our group in Biochemistry has provided a series of strong basic science departments and has changed markedly the overall complexion and aims of the Institution. John Spizizen is coming from Minnesota next year to organize a Division of Microbiology. The Division of Biochemistry, although only a little more than one year old, has six staff members (including Walter Dandliker and Youssef Hatefi) and about 30 other people including 13 Postdoctoral Fellows. Conditioned by my earlier experiences with Melvin Calvin and David Green, I have found it easy to return to the research institute life after 12 years at the University of Washington Medical School. The opportunity to do research on a full-time basis with good facilities and stimulating Fellows is extremely attractive, and I have found that the nearby University of California provides all of the academic activities in which I wish to participate.

The Sherrill Lecture is designed primarily for the 50 or so post-doctoral Fellows although being a public affair, it attracts a large number of scientists and lay people from the community. No doubt your exciting work on Exobiology would provide a good theme for this audience. Your

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I have already sent it detailing your work.

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acceptance of this lectureship would be of great benefit to our Fellows and I hope that you can find time in your schedule to accept the invitation.

Looking forward to seeing you in La Jolla, I am, with very best regards to you and Esther,

Sincerely yours,

Frank

Frank M. Huennekens
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P.S. The enclosed reprints, which describe some of our recent work, may be of interest to you.

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to lay*

*was my neighbor at Eagle Heights - 4/Wis
ca. 1949*